

National Operations Update

As of 7:45 a.m., 9 Feb 2022

Emergency Preparedness Secretariat

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MAIN POINTS

- Updated: Status of COVID RFAs
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- Updated: Summary of Canada Unity Convoy 2022 planned demonstration

CURRENT OPERATIONS/ISSUES:

COVID-19

Current RFA Update

Jurisdiction	RFA	Status
Irrelevant		

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Potential New RFAs being considered

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CANADA UNITY CONVOY 2022 –DEMONSTRATION

Current RFA Update

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Alberta	Support (Convoy) – For provision of equipment and personnel to move approximately 70 semi-tractor trailers and approximately 75 personal and recreational vehicles.	Letter to Min PS and Min EP. received on 5 Feb

- The demonstrations continued in Ottawa on 8 Feb, with protesters converging the downtown core:
 - On 6 Feb, the City of Ottawa declared a State of Local Emergency.
 - On 7 Feb, an Ottawa judge granted a 10-day injunction that would prevent protesters from honking their horn.
 - A high police presence remains on site. Ottawa Police Service hotline has been set up to report crimes; **to date Police have made s.37**
 - On 7 Feb, the Ottawa Mayor sent a letter to the PM and Min PS requested an additional 1800 officers to quell the insurrection: 1000 regular officers, 600 public order officers, 100 investigative officers, 100 civilian staff – including cyber investigative capacity, digital and social media forensics and financial forensics.
 - On 7 Feb, the Ottawa Mayor called on the federal government to appoint a mediator, an honest broker, to try to find some common ground and put an end to the protests.
 - A number of roads and interprovincial bridges remain closed or partially closed in and around the city; citizens are urged to avoid unnecessary travel to the core.
 - Tow truck companies are rejecting OPS requests for help. **The City of Ottawa are looking at creative solutions to offset refusal by tow companies to help in the protest zone.**

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- A NOTAM has been issued with an airspace restriction over downtown Ottawa – extended to 14 Feb.
- Other protests are were held across Canada, in solidarity with those in Ottawa:
 - Sarnia (POE):
 - **Reports of demonstrations on 8 Feb.** The Blue Water Crossing remained open on 7 Feb; however, heavy traffic diverted from the Ambassador Bridge contributed to long wait times for commercial vehicles.
 - Windsor (POE):
 - **Demonstrations continue on the Ambassador Bridge crossing to the Detroit; as of 9 Feb, CBSA indicated that the bridge was temporarily closed due to the blockade.**
 - Winnipeg:
 - **A small number of demonstrators at the MB Legislative Building on 8 Feb; the event remained peaceful. Winnipeg Mayor called a special meeting of the city council on 8 Feb in response to the ongoing convoy that has clogged downtown streets over the last 5 years.**
 - Coutts, AB (POE):
 - **The protest at the border crossing is in its 12th day. Traffic in both directions was blocked, at times, on 8 Feb, with the temporarily closing of the crossing.**
 - **RCMP say the removal of trucks and other vehicles is being hampered by the lack of help from towing companies.**
 - **On 5 Feb, an RFA was received from the Province for the provision of equipment and personnel to move approximately 70 semi-tractor trailers and approximately 75 personal and recreational vehicles.**
- As of 8 Feb, Convoy organizers have raised more than \$7M US on a Christian fundraising service, GiveSendGo. Supporters are also turning to cryptocurrency websites to raise money; “Bitcoin for Truckers” raised more than \$163,000 in about a day.
- **The protests in Canada has inspired copycat convoys in American cities, 27 European capitals, New Zealand and Australia.**

IQALUIT WATER SAFETY

- News media reporting calls mount for public inquiry into Iqaluit water crisis. The Government of Nunavut has stated its intent on proceeding with an independent third-party review in conjunction with the City of Iqaluit.
- As of 28 Jan, Nunavut’s Health Department has lifted a precautionary boil-water advisory for the City of Iqaluit. The advisory was put in place on 19 Jan when the city started using a bypass system to pump water to residents.
- Nunavut MP Lori Idlout (NDP) is calling for \$180M to end the water emergency in Iqaluit, in a letter dated 21 Jan to Infrastructure and Communities Minister Dominic Leblanc. No specifics provided on what the funds would be used for, but Mayor Kenny Bell recently stated that the city needs a new water source and treatment plant.
- Some residents have reported a return fuel smells in water. Although slight levels of hydrocarbons have been detected in the water, these levels are within an acceptable range.

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BEIJING 2022 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

- The Beijing Games will run from 4 February to 20 February 2022.
- An anticipated 614 Team Canada members and 108 other Canadian Games participants will travel to Beijing. As of 8 Feb, 506 had arrived.
- One COVID case has been confirmed on Team Canada.

EMERGING ISSUES

UKRAINE

- On 7 Feb, GAC issued a warning to Canadians registered with ROCA to immediately leave the Ukraine in anticipation of a Russian invasion; telling them to get out the country on the first available flight. Canadian unwilling to leave should be prepared to shelter in place, warning of disruptions in electricity, water, telecommunications, medical care and food supply.
- Minister of National Defence met with SecGen NATO on 1 Feb, and was in Latvia on 2 Feb.
- Minister of National Defence arrived in Kyiv on 30 Jan, and met with Ukrainian Defence Minister Olesksii Reznikov on 31 Jan. Ukraine has asked for lethal weapons, Canada has not committed to do so.
- On 30 Jan, Canada is temporarily withdrawing all non-essential staff from its Embassy in Kyiv. This is in addition to the 25 Jan order for all family members of diplomatic staff stationed in Ukraine to leave the country.
- GAC has updated its travel guidance, advising Canadians to avoid non-essential travel due to ongoing Russian threats and military buildup in and around the country.
- On 26 Jan, the Minister of National Defence and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, joined the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister to announce \$340 million for immediate support to Ukraine and for the extension and expansion of Operation UNIFIER, the Canadian Armed Forces' military training and capacity-building mission in Ukraine.

FOR AWARENESS

OP SAFE HAVEN (ASYLUM SEEKERS)

- Increase in migrants are being reported at the Lacolle, QC port of entry, after lifting a 20 month ban. IRCC confirms it has sufficient capacity to maintain operations for the short-term.
- A transfer of asylum claimants to Ontario is being planned, beginning with a pilot project in Ottawa to start in late March.
- No RFA is expected.

SPRING FLOODING IN CANADA

- A coordination call with Public Safety and Emergency Management federal leadership to discuss the critical path for cyclical season preparations will be held on 10 February. EP will attend.
- The GOC issued its Initial Planning Guidance on 17 Jan.
- A national Risk Assessment and Plan are expected to be finalized and shared in early March.

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- Public Safety's Critical Infrastructure (CI) Directorate is conducting a CI Impact Assessment with CI owners/operators, P/T governments and Federal institutions with CI responsibilities.

AVIAN INFLUENZA:

- Since 27 Jan, CFIA has confirmed 3 cases of avian influenza in NS. In all cases, remaining birds have been humanely euthanized and disposed of to prevent further spread of the disease.
- CFIA is closely monitoring and is coordinating incident management and communications.
- As of 8 Feb, Current trade restrictions include Japan, Philippines and South Korea, where Canadian poultry products have been impacted.

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